

Carbondale Public Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7 P.M. by President Moase. Present were the following directors: Brennan (Lackawanna County Board), Frazier, Coyne, Smallacombe, Moase, Powell, Smallacombe, and Schnessel (virtual). The CPL Library Director, Maura Rottmund, was also present.

**Minutes of September meeting** read and approved: (Moase/Coyne)

**Treasurer's Report for September:** studied and approved (Coyne/Schnessel): 2023 CPL annual fund drive: \$3,426.00 received to date.

**CPL budget for 2024:** 2% increase for payroll; 3% increase for operations

Maureen Brennan reported that the search for Mary Garm's replacement is underway.

**CPL 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** coming up (next year). Whis is planned to commemorate the anniversary?

## Carbondale Public Library

In 1874, four years before Lackawanna County was formed, the "Young Men's Library Association of Carbondale" opened, in a room on the second floor of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's office building on North Main Street in Carbondale, what is now known as the Carbondale Public Library. The Carbondale Public Library is, therefore, the oldest public library in Lackawanna County. In 1896 the Library moved into rooms on the ground floor of Carbondale City Hall (ground floor, two rooms to the left of the Main Street entrance). In 1965, the Library moved into the former Bell Telephone Company building at 24 Sixth Avenue. The new library building at 5 North Main Street (designed by Carbondale-born architect, Tom Horlacher, and constructed under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Carbondale Public Library, Martin Langan, president), was officially opened to the public on October 27, 1996. The service area of the Carbondale Public Library includes Carbondale City, Carbondale Township, Fell Township, Greenfield Township, and the Boroughs of Jermyn, Mayfield, and Vandling.

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**Annual Review of the CPL Library Director:** To take place at 6:45 P.M. (before the November Board meeting).

**Director's Report:**

September Statistics:

Visitors 1799 Circulation 3159 Overdrive 511 Questions 69 Computer Use 224

Wi-Fi 145 Programs 38 Attendance 490 New Cards 47

Community Collections: September Dress for Success; October Operation Santa, Kids' Books.

Received thank you note from Ruth Miley for acknowledgement of husband's passing. Received \$310 memorial donations for past employee, Barbara Campbell.

Fund Drive to Date: \$3426

Maura, Stephanie, Jessica attended PaLA Conference Oct 1-4.

Oct 8 Author Event with Judy Kiehart was a success. 33 in attendance.

Oct 11 Maura and Irma attended luncheon at Elkview with author, John Bodnar.

October 18 Zombie Barbie program for kids was a huge success.

Last Food Distribution scheduled for October 27.

Garden Club meets Oct 30.

Trick or Treat 3-5pm, Oct 31.

November 7 Countywide Staff Development Day. Maura on committee.

November 30 Tinsel Trail, December 2 Christmas in a Small Town.

**Old Business:**

--new Carbondale Area High School student representative on the CPL Board of Directors: Kylie Kelly

--the "fountain" in the garden at the front of the Library: a work in progress, with much work yet to be done. Pre-winter clean-up necessary?

**New Business:**

It was regularly moved and seconded (Moase/Coyne) that Danyael Matz (now working at the CPL under a 3-month County-funded program, which is now coming to an end) be hired by the Carbondale Public Library (20 hours a week \$14 an hour) for three months (November, December, January). The motion carried, unanimously.

With no additional business to be brought before the Board, it was regularly moved and seconded (Moase/Smallacombe) that the November 2023 meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

S. Robert Powell  
Recording Secretary